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a large number of voters who were newly added to the electoral roll of the Legislative Assembly, due to revision of the roll in 1952, were not included in the electoral roll of the panchayat and that these voters would be deprived of the right of exercising their franchise if elections were held on the 30th March 1953. The Government had, therefore, issued orders by telegram staying the said elections.

" (d) A copy [a] of the petition is laid on the table of the House."

Vallamunda Producers-cum-Consumers Co-operative Society, Wynaad taluk.

* 573 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to liquidate Vallamunda Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society in Wynaad taluk, Malabar; and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" No such decision has been taken."

Visit of Hon. Minister for Land Revenue to Tanur in Ponnani taluk.

* 574 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) what Government business made the Revenue Minister visit Tanur, Ponnani taluk, Malabar, on 19th December 1952;

(b) what was the amount spent on police bandobast during the visit of the Hon. Minister in Malabar; and

(c) whether the place of visit of the Hon. Minister was under " 144 " during his visit, and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) The Minister for Land Revenue visited Malabar district to keep himself in touch with the affairs of the State for the efficient discharge of his duties as Minister and the amount spent on police bandobast during the visit was Rs. 126.

" (c) An order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, promulgated by the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Tirur, was in force at Tanur at that time. The order had been made in order to prevent a clash between two local parties."

The Rayalaseema Development Board.

* 575 Q.—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the Rayalaseema Development Board was constituted;

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(b) what decisions of the Board have so far been implemented;

(c) how many times the Board met since the present members assumed office;

(d) what decisions have been made during the last four months;

(e) how many decisions have been implemented; and

(f) whether a Sub-Committee of the Board has been formed; if so, when and for what purpose?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) to (f) The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Retrenchment in the Hindustan Ship Building Yard, Visakhapatnam.

* 576 Q.—SRI G. LATCHANNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that 813 workers of the Hindustan Ship Building Yard have been retrenched recently in Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Hindustan Shipyard, Limited, have reported that the workers are surplus to the present and even the future requirements of the Company."

Gruel centres in Penukonda taluk.

* 577 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) under what class of famine affected area Penukonda taluk is classified;

(b) what is the amount surrendered by the Anantapur District Collector in the month of February;

(c) how many gruel centres were closed in February in Penukonda taluk; and

(d) why they were closed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (a) Penukonda taluk has been declared as Group B area.

" (b) A sum of Rs. 9,55,000 under Loans under Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Acts and a sum of Rs. 50,000 under Loans for pumping installations were surrendered in February 1953. No amount was surrendered by the Collector out of the allotment for famine relief.

" (c) Twenty-two gruel centres were closed in Penukonda taluk during February 1953.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on pages 382–390 infra.